

and eternal contest against a host who are systematically undermining the public liberty and prosperity, cut off from my family and friends, my affairs abandoned to chaos and derangement; in short, giving everything I love in exchange for everything I hate, and all this without a single gratification in possession or prospect, in present enjoyment or future wish. (To James Madison, 1793. F. VI., 292.)

RETIREMENT.—Within a few days I retire to my family, my books and farms; and having gained the harbor myself, I shall look on my friends still buffeting the storm with anxiety indeed, but not with envy. Never did a prisoner, released from his chains, feel such relief as I shall on shaking off the shackles of power. Nature intended me for the tranquil pursuits of science, by rendering them my supreme delight. But the enormities of the times in which I have lived, have forced me to take a part in resisting them, and to commit myself on the boisterous ocean of political passions. I thank God for the opportunity of retiring from them without censure, and carrying with me the most consoling proofs of public approbation. (To Dupont de Nemours, 1809. C. V., 432.)

REVENUE.—Is it consistent with good policy or free government to establish a perpetual revenue? Is it not against the practice of our wise British ancestors? Have not the instances in which we have departed from this in Virginia been constantly condemned by the universal voice of our country? Is it safe to make the governing power when once seated in office, independent of its revenue? (To Edmund Pendleton, 1776. F. II, 79-)

REVOLUTION (CAUSES).—The seeds of the war are here traced to their true source. The Tory education of the king was the first preparation for that change in the British Government which that party never ceases to wish. This naturally ensured Tory administration during his life. At the moment he came to the throne and cleared his hands of his enemies by the peace of Paris, the assumptions of his unwarrantable right over America commenced; they were so signal and followed one another so close as to prove they were part of a system either to re-